Option Decision

LC/PCC practice for serials: Do not apply the option; if information is known, give it in a note (362 1).

LC/PCC practice for integrating resources and multipart items: Apply the option on a case-by-case basis when the bibliographic resource includes an explicit statement (e.g., "Created on March 10, 2001;" "Began publication in 1998"). Do not investigate beyond the resource to find such a date.

Qualifying Multiple Dates

If multiple dates need to be qualified (e.g., because they appear in non-Gregorian years or the item shows copyright dates that differ from the publication dates), record the qualifying dates after the inclusive dates for the earliest and latest volumes.

Incomplete Multipart Items: Temporary Dates

LC practice: Distinguish between permanent and temporary dates. Indicate that dates are temporary by enclosing them within angle brackets. Input three spaces following the last date within the brackets.

If an entire date is judged to be permanent, record it without angle brackets.

LC's holdings: first part of a multipart item

If a portion of a date is temporary, enclose the entire date in angle brackets.

LC's holdings: v. 1-2 of a multipart item

260 ## \$a ____ : \$b ____ , \$c 2000-<2001 >

LC's holdings: v. 2 of a multipart item

260 ## \$a ___ : \$b ___ , \$c <c1995- >

LC's holdings: v. 2-3 of a 3-vol. multipart item

260 ## \$a ___ : \$b ___ , \$c <c1998 >-2001.

LC's holdings: v. 2-3 of a 5-vol. multipart item

260 ## \$a _____; \$b _____, \$c <1997-1999 >